



“Indiana is entering a building boom”

(October 5) Governor Daniels had that to say as he announced details of the Major Opportunities program. The program is an effort to recruit young Hoosiers, and especially minority workers, into pre-apprenticeship training programs to learn building and construction trade skills needed for jobs created through the governor’s Major Moves economic development plan. Governor Daniels went on to say, “We’re going to experience record opportunities, so we want everyone to know about these jobs and that the state can help them get the skills needed to obtain one.”

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Governor’s Update

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Indiana to house California inmates

(October 5) Indiana will receive \$6.2 million per year to house California inmates at the New Castle Correctional Facility, in an agreement reached by the two states. The deal will help alleviate California’s prison overcrowding problem while Indiana will earn money by holding the prisoners at the under-used New Castle facility. “We look at every way we can to be creative and businesslike, and this is a win for everyone. We’ll hire 200 people and make \$6 million,” said Governor Daniels.

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CREATING JOBS.**

Click on the symbol above to see the latest figures on the amount of interest earned on funds generated from Major Moves.

The hot streak continues...

(October 4) Indiana’s economic hot streak continues as Lenex Steel, an Indianapolis-based steel fabrication company, announced it will expand its operations into Terre Haute, creating 60 new jobs.

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Visit the Indiana Economic Development Corporation’s (IEDC) Web site to see many more news releases on past jobs and economic development announcements. Click [here](#)

View the next page to read an editorial by the Northwest Indiana Times regarding the benefits of the governor’s Major Moves program.

Northwest Indiana Times

Major benefits already coming from Daniels' Major Moves

October 3, 2006

Major Moves is nothing if not a major controversy. But the fact is that the Indiana Toll Road lease, the centerpiece of Gov. Mitch Daniels' transportation plan, already is paying off.

ITR Concession Co., which is under contract to operate the Toll Road, last week announced a \$250 million project to add a lane in each direction on seven miles of the road in Lake County.

This was not optional; the state's massive 75-year lease of the Toll Road requires the project. Make no mistake about that.

But if it were left up to the state to build these lanes, the project would not have been announced this soon.

When the work is done, there will be three travel lanes in each direction between Cline Avenue and the Lake Station exit onto Interstate 94.

The \$250 million contract for this work went to Indiana Toll-Roads Contractors, a joint venture between Portage-based Ferrovia Agroman Indiana and Goshen-based Rieth-Riley Construction Co.

Traffic should flow more smoothly once the work is completed.

In addition, electronic toll collection equipment is being tested. That, too, is something Indiana should have done years ago but failed to accomplish.

This investment in the Toll Road is something that would not have happened this soon were it not for the Toll Road lease.

It's a good display of the value of a public-private partnership to speed transportation infrastructure improvements.